





# SEAT PLEASANT NEWS

# **City Hall Groundbreaking**



SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM SPECIAL Pg.4 - 6



Shown from Left to Right: Ron Lipford, Arel Architects, Brian Bailey, Project Manager, Mayor Eugene W. Grant, Hope Love, Councilmember and Jeannelle Wallace, Chief Operations Officer.

On July 12<sup>th</sup>, The City of Seat Pleasant "Homan City of Excellence" held a ground-breaking ceremony at the site which marked the beginning of the construction and renovation of the City Hall and Public Works facilities. Seat Pleasant was able to secure a 4.1 million-dollar loan from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development to renovate City Hall and the Public Works Facility. These new renovations will include expansions, an elevator, and state of the art technology. The long journey began in 2016 and has not been easy, but will prove itself worthy. On behalf of the Economic Development Team, we would like to thank Carlton Wilkins of Nehemiah Management, and Ronald Lipford of Arel Architects who worked diligently with our team to ensure this momentous occasion could occur.



Councilmember Gloria Sistrunk of Ward V during Groundbreaking Ceremony

#### **Seat Pleasant Police Department & Fire Department Ceremony**



On Friday, July 12, 2019 the City of Seat Pleasant Police Department and the Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department came together to honor our first responders who work so diligently to keep us safe. Held at Camelot by Martins, some of the awards given include SPFD Rookie of the Year (Ms. Crystal Parker), SPFD President's Award (Ms. Nicole Bennett), SPPD Officer of the Year (Ofc. Marlon Ford), and Civilian of the Year (Mr. Zaequan Prailow).

## City Council Monthly Meeting & Legislation Action Office of the City Clerk

#### **July 2019**

The City Council held two meetings in May and approved the following legislation:

#### Monday, July 1, 2019 Regular Work Session Meeting was held.

o **Ordinance O-19-16** Amendment of Chapter 107 Licensing for the purposes of Rental Property Licensing and Dumpsters within the City of Seat Pleasant. 1st Reading held on Monday, June 10, 2019. The second reading was held on Monday, July 1, 2019. **Approved 6-0-0** 

#### The City Council held the Public Session on Monday, July 8, 2019 and approved the following legislation:

- Resolution R-20-01 Declaration and Consent to Council Recess was introduced and read by the City Clerk on Monday, July 8, 2019.
   Approved 7-0-0
- o The Meeting Minutes for June were approved on Monday, July 8, 2019.

#### Seat Pleasant Board of Supervisors of Elections

The City of Seat Pleasant has a vacancy on the Board of Supervisor of Elections. We are seeking interested residents to serve in this capacity. Any residents that has interest can submit the resume and/or written letter to the Officer of the City Clerk.

#### § C-603. Board of Supervisors of Elections

There shall be a Board of Supervisors of Elections, consisting of three members who shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council on or before the first Monday in January following their election. The terms of members of the Board of Supervisors of Election begin on the first Monday in January in the year in which they are appointed and run for four years. Members of the Board of Supervisors of Elections shall be qualified voters of the City and shall not hold or be candidates for any elective office during their term of office. The Mayor with Council consent shall appoint one of its members as chairman. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by the Mayor with Council consent for the remainder of the unexpired term. The compensation of the members of the Board shall be determined by the Council.

The City of Seat Pleasant provides a minimal salary for the person (s) serving on the Board of Supervisors of Elections for each meeting attended and working on the day of the city's election.

The City Council will be on recess for the month of August 2019. The monthly meetings for September will be on Monday, September 9, 2019 as the Regular Work Session at 6:00p.m. and the Public Session will be on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 7:00p.m. All meetings are opened to the public with comments being taken in the Public Session. The meetings will be held at the temporary location, located at 311 68<sup>th</sup> Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD.

Copies of Legislation and Meeting Minutes may be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk.

#### CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT ETHICS COMMISSION

The City of Seat Pleasant is seeking interested parties for the Ethics Commission. In accordance with the Seat Pleasant City Code the duties of the Ethics Commission are listed below. The interested parties shall contact the City Clerk and complete the application by August 30, 2019. The City of Seat Pleasant will compensate the Ethics Commission \$50 per Ethics Commission Meeting attended.

#### § 18-5. Ethics Commission.

There is a City of Seat Pleasant Ethics Commission that consists of five members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the affirmative vote of a majority of the City Council.

(1) All members must reside and be registered voters in the City when they are appointed and during their terms of office. Duties of the Ethics Commission:

The Commission shall meet at the call of the Chairperson and at such other times as may be requested by the Mayor or the City Council.

(5) Three members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(6) The board shall submit, not later than January 30 of each year, to the Mayor and to the City Council a report of its activities under this chapter covering the immediately preceding calendar year, including a summary statement concerning the nature of any complaints filed with it and its decisions and advisory opinions.

During the investigation or review of any violation or request for advisory opinion referred to the Commission and until a public hearing, if any, is held on the violation or request, the activities of all members of the Commission in connection with the investigation or review shall be conducted without publicity, and the Commission shall hold confidential any information related to the violation or request, including but not limited to the identity of the officials or employees involved, including the complainant, if any, and the official or employee requesting an advisory opinion, except that any information may be released at any time if its release has been agreed to, in writing, by the official or employee requesting an advisory opinion or by the official who has been alleged to be in violation of this chapter. Nothing in this subsection shall prevent the Commission from discussing and reviewing any and all matters with legal counsel advising the Commission.

#### CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD

The City of Seat Pleasant is seeking interested parties to the Personnel Appeals Board. In accordance with the Seat Pleasant City Code the duties of the Personnel Appeals Board are listed below. The interested parties shall contact the City Clerk and complete the application by August 30, 2019. The City of Seat Pleasant will compensate the Personnel Appeals Board Members \$50 per Personnel Appeals Board Meeting attended.

#### § 30-1. PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD.

There is a City of Seat Pleasant Personnel Appeals Board that consists of five members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the affirmative vote of a majority of the City Council. A member of the Personnel Appeals Board shall not be an employee, elected or appointed official of the City of Seat Pleasant or a member of any other committee, board or subcommittee of the City.

(1) All members must reside and be registered voters in the City when they are appointed and during their terms of office.

All submissions for consideration **MUST** be filed in the **office of the City Clerk**, Seat Pleasant City Hall, 311 68<sup>th</sup> Pl., Seat Pleasant, Maryland 20743, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

## The Mayor's Corner





# GCTC / SMART AND SECURE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES CHALLENGE EXPO

Mayor Eugene W. Grant was a guest panel speaker during the Global Cities Team Challenge (GCTC) / SMART AND SECURE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES CHALLENGE EXPO

sharing the benefits of Seat Pleasant becoming the World's First Authentic Small Smart City by making decisions for residents. GCTC Conference was held in Washington, DC at the Walter Washington Convention Center. The conference was co-hosted by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Homeland Security (Science and Technology) and the National Telecommunications & Information Administration at the US Department of Commerce.

THE MOBILE MAYOR



# SUMMER YOUTH AT SEAT PLEASANT

During the last week of June 2019, Seat Pleasant's City Hall welcomed fourteen new young interns. The Summer Youth Empowerment program officially began this year on June 24th, when local teens began a week-long orientation program designed to show them all the ins and outs of the City of Seat Pleasant. The goal of this program is to "give students the opportunity to obtain work skills, acquire a responsible work attitude and learn good work habits." By working under department directors, police officers, and other crucial staff for the city,

The City of Seat Pleasant Summer Youth program has been in place in Seat Pleasant for over a decade, and this is shaping up to be its most successful summer to date. The city has never taken on this many new temporary

summer interns gain an understanding of all the critical

pieces that come together to fuel this well-oiled machine.

hires, and with the aid and development of a new summer orientation program, all the interns were assigned placements within their first week. This year also brought some new changes to the way in which this program is run. Under the direction of Sharron Lipford, Director of Public Engagement, and Malecia Shabazz, Public

**Engagement Outreach** 

"Let's be honest, I'm sixteen... I still have another year to decide what I want to be... It's like the prime time right now to get in different fields, to see what they do, see if this is really what I want to do."

- Jayla Cypress

work with different departments after roughly two weeks so that they would be able to experience working in each



area of city government.

This year's summer interns have been delegated to assist in the following departments: City

Clerk, Economic Development, Human Resources, Public Engagement, and the Police Department. In addition to working under the city's most hardworking staff members, each summer intern has gotten the chance to meet with Mayor Eugene W. Grant. These students come from Seat Pleasant and surrounding cities, and even as far out as Greenbelt, MD. Rasool Crawford II, a rising senior from

Glenarden chose to work for Seat Pleasant in hopes that he would gain experience in his future career field. He wants to someday become a graphic designer, so he happily accepted the invitation to intern with the Public Engagement department, where he develops t-shirts, flyers, and other promotional materials for the City of Seat Pleasant. When

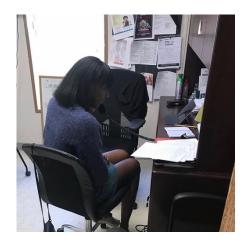
Coordinator, students were assigned to departments based intervolution on their career interests. In past years, students rotated to respo

interviewed about his feelings for this placement so far, his response was very positive. He commented, "They don't

ask for too much. But you know, it's enough to keep you learning and keep you busy throughout the day. The department I'm in, we're always busy so there's always something new and interesting going on."

The summer intern program certainly isn't a summer camp. The most promising applicants were carefully selected to learn from and work under some of the city's most important figures. But these talented youth are well equipped for the demands of working in this environment. Jayla Cypress is a 16-year-old intern who has lived in Seat Pleasant for most of her life, and now works under the city clerk. She organizes files from council meetings and scans archived records from 20th century city council events, but she seems to appreciate the challenges of having such an important role. In her words,

"It's not like [the program leaders] are giving me busy work, it's stuff that they actually do also so I'm satisfied."



By Nandi Gzifa, University of Miami

SYEP participants were asked to write a paragraph detailing how this summer's position impacted them. Some responses were chosen and displayed below.

Name: Chatese Shabazz Department: Police Department

Grade & School: 10th, Annapolis Area Christian School

In the police department my responsibilities include answering the phone calls from citizens, entering tickets and citations and upcoming court hearing dates into the database. This summer experience has given me both lessons in the workplace and also in general. For example, I learned that you should try to find a job that you enjoy because when you enjoy what you do, you're enthusiastic about coming to work to see what new task awaits. I also learned how to multitask while being on the phone and also having people in front of me because in the real-world, multitasking plays a big role. When in front of people, communication is a large part of the interactions with both constituents and in the workplace.





Name: Jayla Cypress Department: Council Clerk

Grade & School: 12th, Charles H. Flowers High School

During my time working with the City Clerk of Seat Pleasant, Ms. Dashaun Lanham, I have learned the details of what takes place during city council meetings as well as the protocol that must be taken by the City Clerk in order to prepare. I have also learned that there are a lot of records that City Hall keeps. One thing that I will always take with me is a quote from Ms. Lanham, "You must leave your mark with everything that you do." This let me know that no matter what job you have or are doing you should let people know that you were there by leaving your mark with excellence.

Name: Chris Green

Department: Police Department

Grade & School: 10th, Annapolis Area Christian School

This summer I have been working in the police department with Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Hill and at the SPPD sports camp. I have learned how to be more professional and how to work with kids. With this work experience I will remember how to be professional for my future jobs.

"Sometimes the kids may get on your nerves, but you look out for them no matter what."- Officer Brown

Name: Shaolin White

Department: Human Resources

Grade & School: Prince George's Community College

I have now acquired a handful of office skills, such as answering telephones, conducting spreadsheets, organizing research, faxing and learning the municipal system. I was also able to witness history with the new Seat Pleasant City Hall groundbreaking.

Name: Andre Wilson

Department: Executive Office

Grade & School: Charles Herbert Flowers High School 11

Grade

At first, I was nervous, but as the days went on I got more comfortable because everyone here was so friendly. When I got to my department with the Mayor's administrative assistant, she showed me what she does on a daily basis. I learned the City of Seat Pleasant is always busy and there is always something to do when handling the important task to keep a functioning government.

"My summer intern Andre Wilson has been very effective and efficient."- Jazmin Shorts, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor





Name: Nate Clinkscale

Department: Economic Development

Grade & School: Annapolis Area Christian School 10 Grade

I have learned the details that it takes to build new buildings within the community. I also learned part of the process on how houses can be renovated and sold for a higher price than before. Essent I learned to not procrastinate.

I'm the one with the mop." - Brian Bailey, Project Manager Economic Development

## **Economic Development's Business Spotlight**

SYEP participant, Richard Boateng got the chance to explore entrepreneurship first hand in Seat Pleasant while working with the Department of Economic Development. Richard held an interview with local barber Kelvin Howard where he was able to have some questions that he had about the business answered.

Location: 85 Yost Place, Seat Pleasant MD, 20743

**RICHARD BOATENG:** Tell us about yourself.

**KELVIN HOWARD:** "My name is Kelvin Howard and I'm from North Carolina. I'm a 22-year veteran of the U.S. army and worked at the White House for 10 years under President Obama and President Bush. I am married with five kids and a grandson."

**BOATENG:** How long have you been cutting hair? **HOWARD**: "I've been cutting hair for nineteen years."

**BOATENG**: How long have you been at this location?

**HOWARD**: 8 years

#### KUTZ BY KELVIN



Voted "Areas Number 1
Barbershop and Spa" by
groominglounge.com, Kutz
By Kelvin features a variety
of services featured in
Men's health. This
experience evolves expert
advice in hair, skin and
beard care, as well as
grooming products and

tools.

**BOATENG:** What do you enjoy about being an owner in Seat Pleasant?

**HOWARD:** "Absolutely, it allows me to give people jobs and impact the community. It also allows me to impact the community by helping barbers to take care of their families.

**BOATENG:** How do you like Seat Pleasant?

**HOWARD:** "I like the area. I like the fact that I can give back to the community by providing a service for them."

& Howard post interview outside

**BOATENG**: Are there any quotes you want to share?

HOWARD: "If you plan to fail, you will fail to plan."

Boateng & Howard post interview outside of KUTZ Barbershop in Seat Pleasant

**BOATENG:** What would you like to bring to the city of Seat Pleasant?

**HOWARD:** "I would like to continue doing what I'm doing by providing great service for the community and also bring more businesses to the community."

#### FREE SUMMER LUNCH!!!

Summer Meals are free, nutritious, meals and snacks that are provided to kids and teens, 18 years of age and younger, throughout the summer when school is out.

Summer Meals meet federal nutrition guidelines and are comprised of milk, fruits, vegetables, grains, and meat or another protein.







### **Employment Opportunities Within the Area**

Customer Service/Sales The Home Depot 47,126 reviews College Park, MD 20740 Job Description Position Purpose:

Customer Service/Sales associates provide fast, friendly service by actively seeking out customers to assess their needs and provide assistance.



Wind Crest Senior Assistance

Full Job Description

Day Shift: 7am - 3:30pm

Night shift: 11pm - 7:30am

Wind Crest is an upscale senior living community in the Highlands Ranch area with a steadfast focus on helping our residents live life to its fullest! We also have a strong commitment to our employees.

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